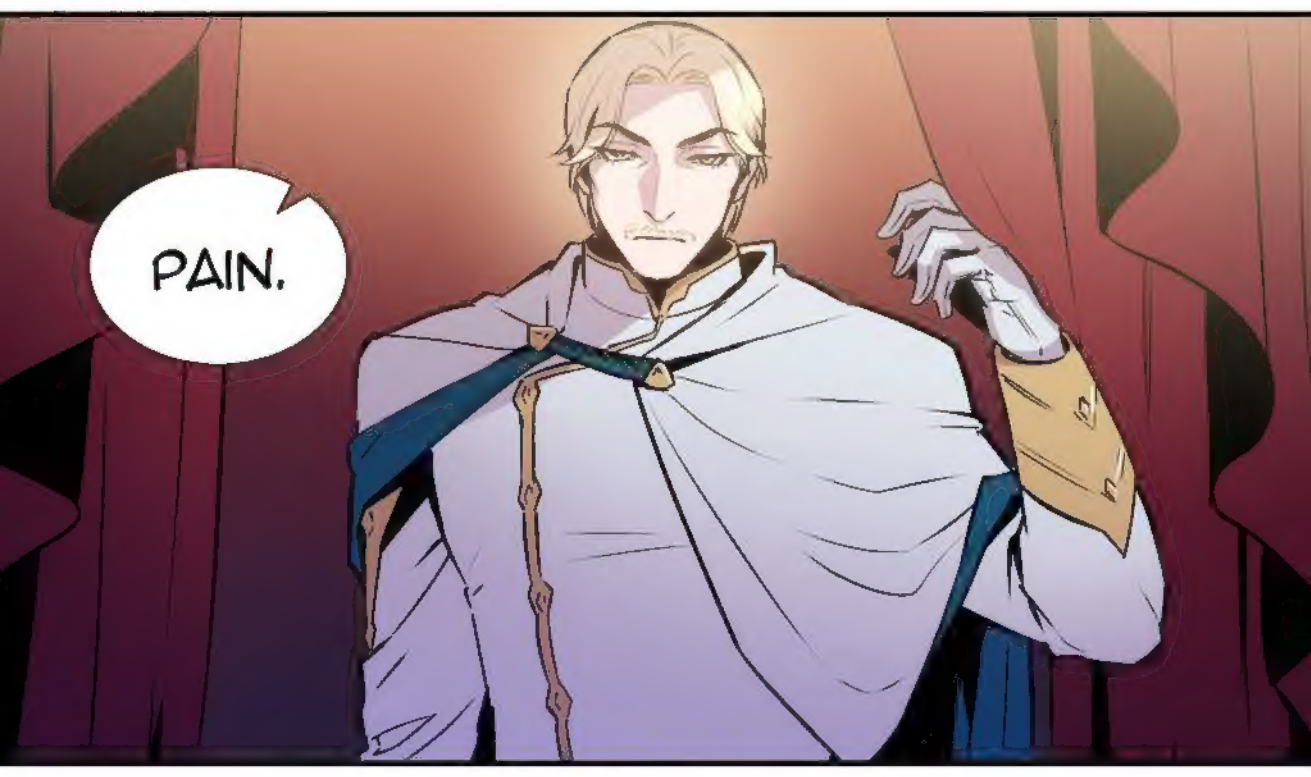

BLOOD BANK

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...THEN ARE WE ALL AGREED ON NEXT YEAR'S

RATE ADJUSTMENTS?

.....

...YOU'VE LOST WEIGHT.

YOUR SKIN LOOKS DARKER THAN BEFORE TOO. IS IT BECAUSE OF HOW WARM IT IS DOWN IN THE SOUTH?

OR...

PERHAPS IT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE LOSING TOUCH IN YOUR OLD AGE?

WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING, LEAVING THE CENTRAL BANK TO A BRAT LIKE THAT, PAIN?

DO YOU AGREE OR NOT?

AGREE?

CLENCH

NO! I'VE NEVER ONCE AGREED.

WHY WOULD I AGREE TO AN AGREEMENT MADE BY MY WEAK FATHER...!

WHAT I DO AGREE TO IS RIPPING THIS DOCUMENT UP, AND TAKING OVER YOUR LANDS.

... ...

...YOU'RE WELCOME TO TRY.

SIGH... DO YOU STILL NOT UNDERSTAND IT'S THE DIFFERENCE IN EFFECTIVENESS?

THE TOTAL WAR IN THE PREVIOUS CENTURY...

EVERYONE FOUGHT TO OWN A FEW MORE HUMANS, AND INSTEAD LOST MUCH, MUCH MORE.

TAP TAP

WE MADE THIS AGREEMENT SO WE COULD UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF BALANCE...

...SO I'LL ASK YOU AGAIN.

DO YOU AGREE?

... ...

...VERY WELL.

CLACK

...YOU'RE THAT STRONG.

AND YET YOU'RE SO WEAK TOWARDS HUMANS, PAIN.

I HEARD YOU'RE USING HUMANS IN YOUR CENTRAL BANK.

LIVESTOCK SHOULD BE KEPT IN THEIR PENS, NOT USED FOR SUCH IMPORTANT WORK!

WE BUTCHER AND EAT THEM!

IT'S ONLY NATURAL FOR THOSE AT THE TOP OF THE FOOD CHAIN TO CONTROL THE FATE OF THOSE LOWER THAN THEM!

THAT'S WHAT OWNERSHIP MEANS!

...ALL I'M DOING IS TRUSTING A DOG OVER US WOLVES.

HA!

THAT KIND OF FLIPPANT ATTITUDE IS GOING TO RUIN YOU ONE DAY, PAIN.

YOU OWE ME.

I WILL BE REPAID.

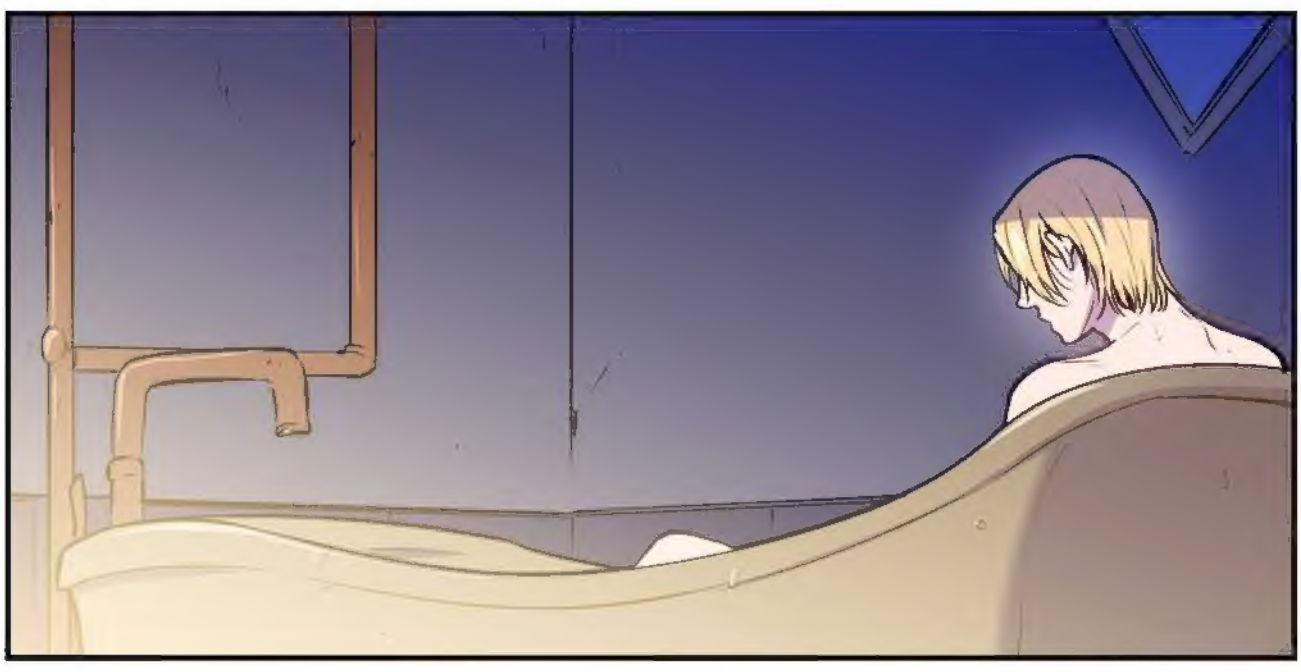
DON'T FORGET THAT.

GOOD BYE.

FLAP

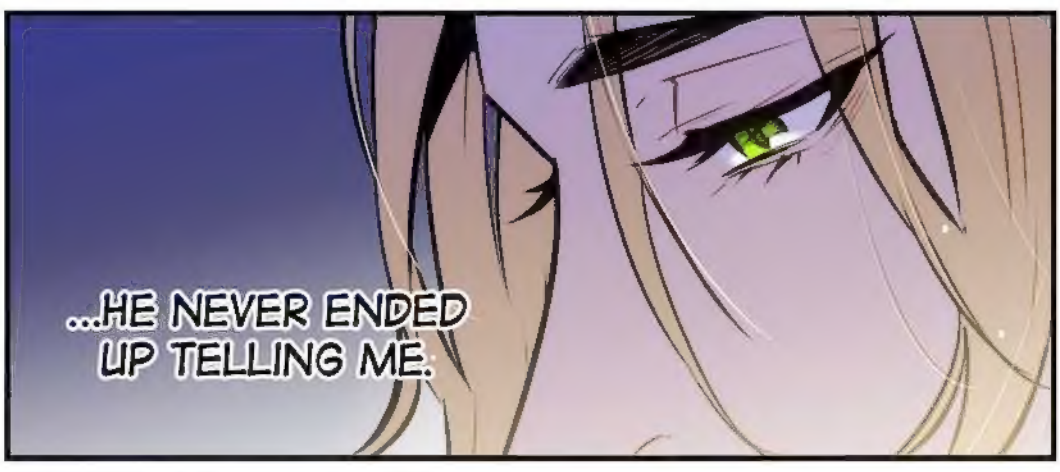
CRUNCH

DRIP...



...DID SOMETHING HAPPEN? WHAT'S WRONG?

ONE?


...HE NEVER ENDED UP TELLING ME.

STRANGE.

HE'S RIGHT NEXT TO ME, BUT SOMEHOW IT FEELS AS IF HE'LL DISAPPEAR AT ANY MOMENT.

IF ONLY I COULD SEE THROUGH YOU LIKE THIS WATER...

CREAK

ONE, YOU MUST BE TIRED.

GET SOME REST. WE'LL BE ABLE TO GO BACK TO THE CENTRAL BANK TOMORROW.

YOU CAN RELAX NOW.

CENTRAL...

YOU KNOW.

REIGN TOLD ME SOMETHING BEFORE I CAME HERE.

HE SAID HE LIKES MY CURRENT SELF OVER MY PAST ONE.

HE WAS LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO DOMINATE HIM COMPLETELY... AND WAS SHOCKED.

THAT'S HOW HE KNEW.

THAT I WAS PRETENDING TO BE STRONG UP TO NOW.

HE REALIZED SO LATE BECAUSE FOR ME, ACTING STRONG CAME SO NATURALLY.

...IT'S THANKS TO YOU, ONE.

NOW I KNOW THAT THE VAMPIRE THAT FEELS GUILT FOR DRINKING BLOOD TO SURVIVE IS NOT THE REAL ME,

BUT RATHER... THE ME IN FRONT OF YOU...

...IS THE REAL ME.

IN OTHER WORDS, YOU BASICALLY RESCUED ME FROM A PRISON, ONE.

…….

HA, HAHA...

ONE?

IF THAT'S REALLY WHAT I DID...

…?

CLENCH

"ELLIE"

THAT'S THE ART YOU MENTIONED.

I HAVE NO NAME.

NO, ANYONE WHO ISN'T AN ART DOESN'T HAVE A NAME.

ALL WE GET IS A SYMBOL THAT WE ARE OWNED, IN THE FORM OF A NUMBER.

AND I THOUGHT IT DIDN'T MATTER.

IT WAS FINE LOSING MY NAME.

IT WAS FINE THROWING MY SELF AWAY.

SINCE I NEEDED TO LIVE.

DO YOU UNDERSTAND?!

HUMANS HAVE GIVEN UP THEIR NAMES IN ORDER TO LIVE!

BUT,

BUT...

ONE?! WHAT IN THE WORLD HAPP...

CLENCH...

WOOSH

?!

...!

~...

THUD

SHOW ME.

SHOW ME I WASN'T WRONG.

THIS WAS MY ONLY WAY.

THE ME YOU SEE RIGHT NOW, IS ME...!

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, ONE...

I'VE ALWAYS...

ELLIE?

THAT'S NOT ENOUGH!!

YOUR PAIN AND SUFFERING ISN'T ENOUGH ANYMORE. I WANT MORE.

PERHAPS IF I WAS THE SOURCE OF YOUR PAIN...

ONE...!!

I...

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